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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-40 and 42-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33-40 and 42-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: RCE, filed 06/30/04.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 41 and 42 are objected to because of the following informalities: In applicant's remark section, claim 41 is cancelled and claim 42 depends on claim 41. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 33-40 and 42-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith, JR. et al., US# 2002/0128898 A1, in view of DESAI et al., US# 2001/0052009 A1.

As per claim 33, Smith, JR. et al. teaches "a database interface configured to access the database . . ." (see page 3, paragraphs and [0047]) "a survey creation engine configured to create surveys . . ." (see page 3, paragraph [0043]) "allow a user of the survey creation machine to create a survey . . ." (see page 4, paragraphs [0052]-[0053]) "an e-mail list management facility configured to provided management capability through the network browser of the survey design machine of a list of e-mail .

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. .” (see paragraphs [0108]-[0110]). Smith, Jr. et al. Does not teach “the e-mail containing a network link to provide access to the survey for the client computer via network protocols . . .”. DESAI et al. teaches “the e-mail containing a network link to provide access to the survey for the client computer via network protocols . . .” (see paragraphs [0005], [0035] and [0048]). It would have obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Smith and DESA, because using the steps of “the e-mail containing a network link to provide access to the survey for the client computer via network protocols . . .” would have given those skilled in the art the tools to link e-mail survey information via a protocol element in a more efficient manner. This give users the advantage of expediting the results of surveys received via email.

As per claim 34, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “interfaces of the host machine and the survey design machine are configured to access the Internet” (see page 4, lines [0057]-[0058]).

As per claims 35-37, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “a sever process configured to send a created survey . . . than mail protocols . . .” (see page 3, paragraphs [0046]-[0048]).

As per claims 38-39, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “the server process of the host machine is further configured to provide access to response stored in the database for the network browser of the survey design machine” (see page 6, paragraphs, [0098], and [0107]-[0111]).

As per claim 41, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “a list of e-mail recipients chosen to receive an e-mail associated with a survey . . .” (see page 6, paragraphs [0108]-[0110]).

As per claim 42, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “the network link of the e-mail is a universal resource locator (URL)” (see page 9, paragraph [0143]).

As per claim 43, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “the host is configured to store web content objects associated with the stored surveys” (see page 9, paragraphs [0137]-[0141]).

As per claim 44, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “the database is configured to provide password protected access to stored surveys and responses to surveys” (see page 8, paragraphs [0128]-[0130]).

As per claim 45, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “created engine includes a wizard process configured to provide automated guidance in survey creation” (see page 8, paragraphs [0125]).

As per claim 46, Smith, JR. et al. teaches “survey creation engine includes templates of exemplary surveys and is configured to provide to the network browser of the survey design machine at least one function configured to provide modification capability for tailoring of the exemplary surveys to match requirements of intended surveys” (see page 12, paragraphs [0176]-[0177]).

As per claim 47, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 33 and is similarly rejected including the following: Smith, JR. et al. does not explicitly teach “the network to edit a list of e-mail recipients stored . . .”. DESAI et al. teaches “the network to edit a list of e-mail

recipients stored . . .” (see paragraphs [0033]-[0035]). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill in the art the tools to efficiently edit email list for surveying purposes. This give users the advantage for rendering modified survey lists from recipients faster.

As per claim 48, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 41 and is similarly rejected.

As per claim 49, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 46 and is similarly rejected.

As per claim 50, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 45 and is similarly rejected.

As per claim 51, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 33 and 35 and is similarly rejected.

As per claims 52-55, these claims re rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 33 and 47 and are similarly rejected.

As per claim 56, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 46 and is similarly rejected.

As per claims 57-58, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 33 and 47 and are similarly rejected including the following:

- Smith, JR. et al. teaches “constant sum questions, spinner questions . . .”
(see fig. 8—sheet 9 of 11 and see paragraphs [0097]-[0098]).

As per claims 59-60, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the

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arguments given above for rejected claims 33 and 47 and are similarly rejected including the following:

--Smith, JR et al. teaches "select font of text . . . color . . ." (see fig. 3—sheet 4 of 11]).

Response to Arguments

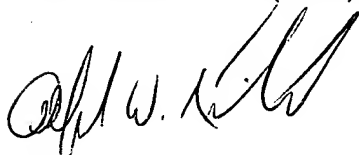
5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 33-51 (i.e. 33-40 and 42-60) have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 703-305-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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